

SMALL GROUP | DAY 2

YOU BELONG WITH GREAT FRIENDS



Bible

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Olio Supplies

1. red plastic cups (1 per Camper and then extra to play cup stacking game)
2. slips of paper with qualities of friends written on each one

Parlando & Bombershay Supplies

1. verses 1 Peter 3:8-9 NIRV and Hebrews 10:24-25 NIRV printed on separate papers (Have two copies of each verse so Crews can be split up into even smaller groups or partners)
2. markers

Crew Leader Prepare In Advance

mark Bible at Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIRV

share a story of a friend who encouraged or helped them when they needed help

What Makes a Great Friend Quiz | Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

I know it's summertime, but I have a quiz for you.
Everyone, get your thumbs ready.

Show me a thumbs up if what I say describes a great friend.
If what I say does not describe a great friend, put your thumbs down! Got it?

- A great friend tells you when you spilled pudding all over your shirt.
- A great friend whispers your secrets to others.
- A great friend smiles to say, Hello!
- A great friend laughs when you trip on the stairs.
- A great friend helps you up when you trip on the stairs.
- A great friend encourages you.
- A great friend leaves you alone at lunch.
- A great friend prays for you when you are sick.

Way to go, Campers! You passed the quiz. You know what makes a great friend. During the Opening Session, our question was "What makes me a great friend?"

I'd love to hear your answers.

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Bible Story Connection

Remember, belonging with great friends means being a great friend and choosing good friends.

The Bible says, “Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do. Suppose either of them falls down. Then the one can help the other.” Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIRV

This makes me think of the friends in our Bible Story today who helped each other.

- Do you have friends who help you get back up when you fall down?
- Do you have great friends who cheer you up when you are sad?
- What are some things your friends have done that make them great friends to have?

Olio Game: Mystery Cups

Inside plastic cups, place a piece of paper that reads: kind, funny, happy, shares, says nice words, gentle, patient, helpful, (all adjectives that describe a good friend).

Make sure there is a cup for each Camper to pick up and read the paper inside. Cover the cup with tissue paper and secure with a rubber band.

Flip the cups upside down.

Campers take turns punching their hand through the tissue paper and pulling out the slip of paper. Crew Leader can help read the words.

Once all of the papers are read, the Crew Leader says,
All of these words describe a great friend.

- Are you kind and fun to be with? (Invite Olio to pop up if they are kind and fun to be with.)
- Are you a happy friend? (Pop up if the answer is yes)
- Do you share? (Pop up if the answer is yes)
- Are you patient? (Pop up if the answer is yes)
- Do you say nice words to others? (Pop up if the answer is yes)
- What can you do if there is a time when you don't feel like being kind or patient, or sharing?

As time allows, Olio can pick partners and work together to build the tallest cup tower.

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Parlando and Bombershay Game - A Good Friend Search

Split your Crew into two groups. The following two verses are printed on a piece of paper.

Read the verse together and circle the words that describe what makes a good friend.

I want all of you to agree with one another. Be understanding. Love one another. Be kind and tender. Be humble. Don't pay back evil with evil. Don't pay back unkind words with unkind words. Instead, pay back evil with kind words. This is what you have been chosen to do. You will receive a blessing by doing this.
Peter 3:8-9 NIRV

Let us consider how we can stir up one another to love. Let us help one another to do good works. And let us not give up meeting together. Some are in the habit of doing this. Instead, let us encourage one another with words of hope.
Hebrews 10:24-25 NIRV

Once done, compare answers.

- What did you circle in the first verse, 1 Peter 3:8-9?
- What did you circle in the second verse, Hebrews 10:24-25?

Invite Campers to read the verses aloud for everyone to hear



I am created to belong and help others feel the same

Then discuss:

- What can you do for your friends that is kind?
- What can you say that is kind and encouraging?
- How can you be understanding?
- Do you have to agree about everything? Or can you like different things, want to eat or watch different things, and still be friends?
- If someone says mean, unkind words, how can you respond?
- What are some ways you can help each other?

Crew Leaders share a story of a friend who encouraged or helped them when they needed help.

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Me, too! Make New Friends Activity

Give each Camper an opportunity to share one thing that they like doing. If other Campers like doing the same thing, they use sign language to sign “Me, too!”

Link: [CLICK HERE](#)



It's Take Action time! Inside your Playbill, your Take Action for today is to write or draw three things that you like doing with your good friends.

Bring it back tomorrow to celebrate!

Remember, with the Take Action Wristband you have the opportunity to watch a special message from VERA today!

Who's ready to “Take Action”?



Prayer

Dear God,

Sometimes making new friends isn't easy. Thank You for the friendships we are already making at VISTO.

Thank you for giving us courage to make new friend and to be good friends. Help us to be kind, encouraging, helpful, and thoughtful to our friends.

Thank you for helping us consider who you want us to spend time with and who loves us just as we are.

Amen

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